

DAILY GAZETTE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1881.

WORK FOR ALL

The Railroad and Laboring Classes in New Mexico.

Gov. George T. Anthony recently addressed a letter to J. B. Lamy, Archbishop of Santa Fe relative to the attitude of the Santa Fe railroad towards the laboring classes of New Mexico. The letter is quite lengthy and from it, we make the following extract:

The New Mexico and Southern Pacific railroad company gives employment in the work of grading, bridging, tracklaying, and in timber and the contracts, to an average of eighteen hundred and fifty men to whom it makes monthly disbursements of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. In the operating department it employs an average of four hundred and fifty men, to whom is disbursed monthly the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars, making a total average of men employed of twenty-three hundred, and a monthly disbursement to them of one hundred and forty-three thousand dollars. In addition to laborers, there are now at work on the line fully eleven hundred teams. The total disbursements for labor in this territory amount to one million six hundred thousand dollars, up to date. I am not informed of the present force and disbursements of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad company, but can state that on July 1st, at least, it had three hundred and twenty teams and five hundred men at work, and had disbursed about ninety-five thousand dollars on account of labor up to that date.

It is not true that foreign labor is sought or desired for this work; yet the company for which I speak since the commencement of construction in the Territory, in June, 1878, has brought more than eight thousand laborers to New Mexico for work thereon. This army of laborers has been brought here by force of necessity, and with a feeling of regret. It has been done against the interest and will alike of the company.

It would be greatly more satisfactory if the groups of listless men in sight of their own homes, who gather around nearly every working party, often in equal numbers, were themselves the workers, thereby mastering the means of an honorable subsistence for themselves and their families, and adding to the wealth of the country the measure of their earnings. Not only are the said laborers losing the golden harvest of work in constructing the road, but they are neglecting a training which would fit a great number to fit positions, always desirable, in managing and operating it afterward. But when one will not two cannot co-operate.

Can anything be done to bring the people to understand this? Can they be inspired to work instead of wonder at this problem of advancement? These are questions which your intimate knowledge of the characteristics of the people will enable you to answer more intelligently than any one else."

Archbishop Lamy responded as follows:

"I hope our people will gladly and thankfully avail themselves of this opportunity and when they have secured occupation they will not sit like children, but that they will persevere and give a proof that they will do what people of other countries are doing, that is to say, work constantly in earning an honest living for themselves and their families. We are glad to see that hundreds of our strong men and young men have been working on the railroad and cutting the timber for the same in four or five counties and we hope the inhabitants of the other counties will imitate them."

Let them bring their wages to their families and secure the necessities of life and honest comforts to which a family has a right."

Colorow.

That "hell roaring" town Colorado is just booming. The Santa Fe road struck the town last night, eighty-one miles south of San Marcial. For a number of weeks a coach has been run from the latter point to the end of the road on the construction train, and this will be kept up. The construction department will have charge of the line beyond San Marcial until the junction with the Southern Pacific R. R., is effected, on March 1st, when the division will be turned over to the operating department. But no through trains will be run till then.

From men who have been in places sufficiently tough to warrant the assertion, we learn that Colorado camp is just a "hell terror." Showing the

article, which we republished from the Silver City *Chronicle* a few days ago—which made it out to be a sort of tramps' asylum—to a man who was just in from there, his only comment was "the hell was never told," expressed with more than Sante Fe-like fervor. A man is certain to be held up, if he ventures out after dark, and in the day time it is dangerous to be safe. The roguish that is sold there for whisky is enough to drive a man into a frenzy, and let this work out in a fellow well saturated with general cussedness and the effects, volcanic symptoms. Men are shot at just for amusement by the "seeks" who have nothing else to do. The great majority of the people in there are hating for a time, waiting till a junction of the roads is effected when they will move on and east in their lot with a similar crowd that will turn up them and make that place worse, because there will be more of these same sort of fellows. A short while ago a man rode into Colorado to hunt a horse thief, and when he had accidentally dropped what his mission was, he was pointed upon by fully one hundred knights of the halberd, all armed with six-shooters. The crowd went through him, and taking from him all superfluous clothing started him for home. He has probably had all the experience he wants in this sort of business in "Colorow."

The Weather.

Although Prof. Venner, the Canadian weather prophet made his predictions with especial reference to the country lying east of the Mississippi, yet thus far the weather here in the west has failed with his prognostications. The single exception is made that our experience with cold snaps and stormy weather has been a new one to him and they have been largely confined to the east. It may be that for the remainder of the month, Venner may have hit on weather.

He says: "I expect a block of snow in the United States about the 7th and 8th of January, and many days during the month will be exceedingly few. The second quarter will open with heavy snow-falls, the middle of this month will bring snow-falls, which will terminate in a still rarer weather toward the end of the third quarter. This time, which will be interrupted by a brief cool spell, will extend from about the 18th of the month into February. The record of this month will show it will have been a severe one, and the general condition of the weather will probably remind us of some of what we called 'real old fashioned winters.'

Good Time.

It has been suggested that it would be a good innovation if some standard time was kept and adhered to. It is very inconvenient as masters go now, as 6 o'clock" may be anywhere from seven minutes before six to five minutes of seven, according to the time-piece of your neighbor. Railroad time is but fifty-five minutes faster than our time, so that it is just that much slower it would be for more convenient. As it is, no one knows how long he is obliged to wait for a man, with whom he has made an appointment at a certain hour. A short time ago a party of gentlemen who were to meet at a given place at 7 o'clock sharp were obliged to select upon the time given by one of the party and take reckoning from that, in order to compute the allowance for each one's chronometer.

The Santa Fe Road.

Groning is now nicely completed between Colorado and El Paso, pass where the junction of the Santa Fe road is to be made. As stated several days ago in this paper the junction will be made about five miles from Rio Mimbres, and fully two hundred graders are at work there. There is considerable hard work to be done in the pass, but the road could be completed much earlier than the first of March 1st, were it not that material both for this road and the Southern Pacific is considerably delayed. It is expected that the road will reach the new town of El Paso sometime early in March.

A Nice Show.

An ice show was made on the cañon side yesterday. A. G. Green brought in with him a block of ice that is fully fifteen inches thick and wonderfully clear. It is compact and not shaly and very economical for the consumer. Mr. Green has a little lake about a mile and a half from town and expects to realize quite a frozen harvest. He has already stocked three or four ice houses.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL
S. D. Baldwin, Goldsmith; W. A. Stinson, Cashier.
GRANDVIEW HOTEL
Miss M. Newton, Trinidad; J. H. O'Connor, C. Adeock, C. B. Spangler and wife, Pueblo.
M. Goedelle, Topeka.

GAZETTE GLEANINGS.

The bags of freight bills are heard on the streets. Several enterprising hawkmen were out on runners yesterday. No. 6 of the New Mexico *Christian Advocate* is just from the press, and is a very readable number.

Last night was another bitter cold night, the thermometer registering ten degrees below zero early in the evening and the air became frosty and more frosty.

The train from the south arrived on time yesterday, but as the train from the east had been abandoned, the train was reorganized and doubled back to San Marcial.

Show is three feet on a level between here and the White Oaks. Some of the boys who started from that camp a week ago last Sunday are snowed up somewhere on the way.

Hasn't the experience of the past week or more convinced our merchants that it would be the correct thing to close their places of business every night at 6 o'clock except Saturday?

"The Kid" more that was presented to Mrs. Minnie Moore, wife of Scott Moore, of the Adobe at the Springs, has been named Kid Stewart Moore. There's something in such a name as that.

The news stand at the post office is putting on considerable style. Two pleasant new show cases were unstacked yesterday and every thing is being put in shape to make the news and stationery stand very attractive.

Attention is called to George F. Mitchell & Co's ad, 4th page. It is a new firm to town and they deal largely in general goods, feeds and other farm products. Their goods are usually well dressed in this country, and they will undoubtedly work up a good trade.

The following address was placed in the Old Post west Lodge for the present term:

J. W. LEWIS, X G. T. H. Books, V. G. & J. G. Lewis, Stationers, A. M. Price, Printers, S. J. Stover, M. E. C. & Co., Dr. J. H. Murphy, Dr. J. D. & Son, Dentist.

The winter in Los Mimbres is intensely heavy and the roads are frequently closed for two months. The first of the month will bring snow-falls, which will continue in full rarer weather toward the end of the third quarter. This time, which will be interrupted by a brief cool spell, will extend from about the 18th of the month into February. The record of this month will show it will have been a severe one, and the general condition of the weather will probably remind us of some of what we called "real old fashioned winters."

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Attention to D.

At members of the D. come Judge N. L. K. of P. are highly recommended to meet at the Hotel Fahey, meeting, Jan. 7th & 8th, Wash., for the transaction of business of importance.

F. H. Skipwith, A. C. A. H. Maxwell, K. of L. and S. 2d, L. H. Graff & Co's.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. Gillies, of the New York Store, arrived on yesterday's train from the south.

José Galindez, son of Francisco Galindez, will be married to-day to Miss Juana Ortiz, daughter of Manuel Ortiz.

Capt. Kirkpatrick, formerly with Hooper Bros., started for Topeka, Tuesday, to attend the Kansas legislature, to which body he was elected last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parsons came in yesterday from Los Alamos, where they had been visiting with Mr. Scott and wife. They will go home to Bartabillo by the first train north.

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